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PETITIONARILY. *adv.* [from *petitionary*.] By way of begging the question.

This doth but *petitionarily* infer a dextrality in the heavens, and we may as reasonably conclude a right and left laterality in the ark of Noah. *Brown.*

PETITIONARY. *n. f.* [from *petition*.]

1. Supplicatory; coming with petitions.

Pardon thy *petitionary* countrymen.

It is our base *petitionary* breath.

That blows 'em to this greatness.

2. Containing petitions or requests.

*Petitionary* prayer belongeth only to such as are in themselves impotent, and stand in need of relief from others. *Hobbes.*

I return only yes or no to questionnaire and *petitionary* epistles of half a yard long.

PETITIONER. *n. f.* [from *petition*.] One who offers a petition.

When you have received the petitions, and it will please the petitioners well to deliver them into your own hand, let your secretary first read them, and draw lines under the material parts. *Bacon.*

What pleasure can it be to be encumbered with dependencies, thronged and surrounded with petitioners?

Their prayers are to the reproach of the petitioners, and to the confusion of vain desires. *L'Estrange.*

His woes broke out, and begg'd relief.

The Roman matrons presented a petition to the fathers; this raised so much rillery upon the petitioners, that the ladies never after offered to direct the lawgivers of their country. *Addison.*

PETITION. *adj.* [from *petitorius*, Lat. *petitorius*, Fr.] Petitioning; claiming the property of any thing. *Ans.*

PETRE. *n. f.* [from *petra*, a stone.] Nitre; salt petre. See NITRE.

Powder made of impure and greasy *petre*, hath but a weak emission, and gives but a faint report. *Brown.*

The vessel was first well sealed to prevent cracking, and covered to prevent the falling in of any thing, that might unseasonably kindle the *petre*.

Nitre, while it is in its native state, is called *petre-falt*, when refined salt-*petre*. *Woodward.*

PETRESCENT. *adj.* [from *petrescens*, Lat.] Growing stone; becoming stone.

A cave, from whose arched roof there dropped down a *petrescent* liquor, which oftentimes before it could fall to the ground congealed. *Boyle.*

PETRIIFICATION. *n. f.* [from *petrifico*, Lat.]

1. The act of turning to stone; the state of being turned to stone.

Is concrete spirit has the seeds of *petrification* and gorgon within itself. *Brown.*

2. That which is made stone.

Look over the variety of beautiful shells, *petrifications*, ores, minerals, stones, and other natural curiosities. *Cheyne.*

PETRIFACTIVE. [from *petrificatio*, Lat.] Having the power to form stone.

There are many to be found, which are but the lapidescences and *petrifactive* mutation of bodies. *Brown.*

PETRIIFICATION. *n. f.* [from *petrification*, Fr. from *petrify*.] A body formed by changing other matter to stone.

In these strange *petrifications*, the hardening of the bodies seems to be effected principally, if not only, as in the induration of the fluid substances of an egg into a chick, by altering the disposition of their parts. *Boyle.*

PETRIFFIC. *adj.* [from *petrificans*, Lat.] Having the power to change to stone.

The aggregated soil

Death with his mace *petrified*, cold and dry,

As with a trident, smote. *Milton's Paradise Lost.*

TO PETRIFY. *v. a.* [from *petrify*, Fr. *petra* and *fy*, Lat.] To change to stone.

Schism is markt out by the apostle to the Hebrews, as a kind of *petrifying* crime, which induces induration. *Decay of Pity.*

Though their souls be not yet wholly *petrified*, yet every act of sin makes gradual approaches to it. *Decay of Pity.*

A few resemble *petrified* wood. *Woodward.*

Full in the midst of Euclid dip at once,

And *petrify* a genius to a dunce. *Pope.*

Like Niobe we marble grow,

And *petrify* with grief. *Dryden.*

PETROL. *n. f.* [from *petrole*, Fr.]

PETROLEUM. *n. f.* [from *petroleum*, Fr.] A liquid bitumen, black, floating on the water of springs. *Woodward.*

PETRONEL. *n. f.* [from *petronel*, Fr.] A pistol; a small gun used by a horseman.

And he with *petronel* upheav'd,

Instead of shield the blow receiv'd,

The gun recoil'd as well it might. *Hudibras.*

PETTICOAT. *n. f.* [from *petit* and *coat*.] The lower part of a woman's dress.

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What trade art thou, Fable?—a woman's taylor, sir.—Wilt thou make as many holes in an enemy's battle, as thou hast done in a woman's *petticoat*? *Shakespeare.*

Her feet beneath her *petticoat*, Like little mice, stole in and out, As if they fear'd the light.

It is a great compliment to the sex, that the virtues are generally shewn in *petticoats*.

To fifty chosen sylphs, of special note,

We trust th'important charge, the *petticoat*;

Oft have we known that sevenfold fence to fail,

Though flutt with hoops, and arm'd with ribs of whale.

PETTICOATER. *n. f.* [from *petticoat*.] A petty small-rate lawyer.

The worst conditioned and least cliented *petticoaters* get, under the sweet bait of revenge, more plentiful prosecution of actions. *Carew's Survey of Cornwall.*

Your *petticoaters* damn their souls

To share with knaves in cheating souls. *Hudibras.*

Consider, my dear, how indecent it is to abandon your shop and follow *petticoaters*; there is hardly a plea between two country squires about a barren acre, but you draw yourself in as bail, surety or solicitor. *Arbutnot's Hist. of J. Bull.*

Physicians are apt to despise empiricks, lawyers, *petticoaters*, merchants and pedlars.

PETITNESS. *n. f.* [from *petty*.] Smallness; littleness; inconsiderableness; unimportance.

The losses we have borne, the subjects we

Have lost, and the disgrace we have digested;

To answer which, his *pettiness* would bow under. *Shakespeare.*

PETTY. *adj.* [from *pet*.] Fretful; peevish.

Nor doth their childhood prove their innocence;

They're forward, *petty*, and unus'd to smile. *Creech.*

PETTYNESS. *n. f.* [from *petty*.] Fretfulness; peevishness.

Like children, when we lose our favourite playthings, we throw away the rest in a fit of *pettiness*.

PETTYHOES. *n. f.* [from *petty* and *hoe*.]

1. The feet of a sucking pig.

2. Feet in contempt.

My good clown grew so in love with the wenches long, that he would not stir his *pettyhoes*, till he had both nose and words. *Shakespeare's Winter's Tale.*

PETTY. [Italian.] The breast; figurative by privacy.

PETTY. *adj.* [from *petit*, Fr.] Small; inconsiderable; inferior; little.

When he had no power;

But was a *petty* servant to the state, *Shakespeare's Coriolanus.*

He was your enemy.

It is a common experience, that dogs know the dog-killer; when, as in time of infection, some *petty* fellow is sent out to kill the dogs. *Bacon's Nat. Hist.*

It importeth not much, some *petty* alteration or difference it may make.

Will God incense his ire

For such a *petty* trespass, *Milton.*

From thence a thousand lesser poets sprung,

Like *petty* princes from the fall of Rome. *Denham.*

They believe one only chief and great God, which hath been from all eternity; who when he propos'd to make the world, made first other gods of a principal order; and after, the sun, moon and stars, as *petty* gods.

By all I have read of *petty* commonwealths, as well as the great ones, it seems to me, that a free people do of themselves divide into three powers. *Swift.*

Bolonia water'd by the *petty* Rhine. *Addison.*

Can there an example be given, in the whole course of this war, where we have treated the *petty* prince, with whom we have had to deal, in so contemptuous a manner. *Swift's Miscellany.*

PETTCOV. *n. f.* An herb.

PETULANCE. *n. f.* [from *petulantia*, Lat.] Sauciness.

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It was excellently said of that philosopher, that there was a wall or parapet of teeth set in our mouth, to restrain the petulancy of our words. *Ben. Johnson.*

Such was others *petulancy*, that they joyed to see their betters shamefully outraged and abused.

Wife men knew that which looked like pride in some, and like *petulancy* in others, would, by experience in affairs and conversation amongst men, be in time wrought off. *Clarendon.*

However their numbers, as well as their insolence and perverseness increased, many instances of *petulancy* and sauciness are to be seen in their pamphlets. *Swift.*

There appears in our age a pride and *petulancy* in youth, zealous to cast off the sentiments of their fathers and teachers. *Watts's Logic.*

PETULANT. *adj.* [from *petulantia*, Lat. *petulant*, Fr.]

1. Saucy; perverse.

If the opponent sees victory to incline to his side, let him shew the force of his argument, without too impudently and *petulant* demands of an answer. *Watts.*

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The tongue of a man is so *petulant*, and his thoughts so variable, that one should not lay too great stress upon any present speeches and opinions. *Spektor, N° 439.*

PETULANTLY. *adv.* [from *petulant*.] With petulance: with saucy pertness.

PET. *n. f.* [from *pete*, Dutch.] A feat inclosed in a church.

When sir Thomas More was lord chancellor, he did use, at mass, to sit in the chancel, and his lady in a *pete*. *Bacon.*

Should our fax take it into their heads to wear trunk breeches at church, a man and his wife would fill a whole *pete*. *Addison.*

PEWET. *n. f.* [from *pieuwit*, Dutch.]

1. A water fowl.

We reckon the dip-chick, so named of his diving and littleness, puffs, *peuwets*, meawes. *Carew.*

2. The lapwing.

PEWTER. *n. f.* [from *peuter*, Dutch.] A compound of metals; an artificial metal.

Coarse *peuter* is made of fine tin and lead. *Bacon.*

The *peuter*, into which no water could enter, became more white, and liker to silver, and less flexible. *Bacon.*

*Peuter* dishes, with water in them, will not melt easily, but without it they will; nay, butter or oil, in themselves inflammable, yet, by their moisture, will do the like. *Bacon.*

2. The plates and dishes in a house.

The eye of the mistress was wont to make her *peuter* shine. *Addison.*

PEWTERER. *n. f.* [from *peuter*.] A smith who works in pewter.

He shall charge you and discharge you with the motion of a *pewterer's* hammer. *Shakespeare's Henry IV.*

We caused a skilful *pewterer* to clothe the vessel in our presence with soder exquisitely. *Boyle.*

PHENOMENON. *n. f.* This has sometimes *phenomena* in the plural. [from *phainomenon*.]

An appearance in the works of nature.

The paper was black, and the colours intense and thick, that the *phenomenon* might be conspicuous. *Newton.*

There are curiosities of little or no moment to the understanding the *phenomenon* of nature. *Newton.*

PHAGEDENIC. *n. f.* [from *phageden*, Fr. *phage*, to eat.]

An ulcer, where the sharpness of the humours eats away the flesh.

PHAGEDENICK. *adj.* [from *phagedenique*, Fr.] Eating; corroding.

Phagedenick medicines, are those which eat away fungous or proud flesh.

A bubo, according to its malignancy, either proves easily curable, or terminates in a *phagedenous* ulcer with jagged lips. *Wesman's Surgery.*

When they are very putrid and corrosive, which circumstances give them the name of foul *phagedenick* ulcers, some spirits of wine should be added to the fomentation. *Sharp.*

PHALANX. *n. f.* [from *phalanx*, Lat. *phalanx*, Fr.] A troop of men closely embodied.

Far otherwise th' inviolable fairs,

In cubic *phalanx* firm, advance'd entire

Invulnerable, impenetrably arm'd. *Milton's Par. Lost.*

Who bid the storm, Columbus-like explore

Heav'n's not his own, and worlds unknown before?

Who calls the council, states the certain day?

Who forms the *phalanx*, and who points the way? *Pope.*

The Grecian *phalanx*, moveless as a tow'r,

On all sides batter'd, yet resists his pow'r. *Pope.*

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